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Dear Sir:

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Applicants identify the materials listed below and on the form
accompanying this submission:

U.S. PATENTS

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Inventors</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| 6,371,116 | Resnick | April 16, 2002 |
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NON-U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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| WO 02/11816 | WIPO/PCT | February 14, 2002 |
| WO 01/97915 | WIPO/PCT | December 27, 2001 |
| 1587812 | United Kingdom | April 8, 1981 |
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Copies of the listed non-U.S. patent documents are enclosed. Applicants do not concede that the identified materials, or any of them, constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws. The German-language document may be relevant at least because cited (albeit only as an "A" reference) in connection with the PCT application from which the above-identified application derives and because it appears to disclose respiratory equipment.

Applicants are submitting this paper within three months of the filing of the application and before receipt of an Office Action concerning the merits of the invention claimed in the application and accordingly believe no fee is due. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, if Applicants' beliefs are mistaken, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account No. 11-0855 for any such fee presently due.

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